GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:494
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PER CAPITA CALORIE CONSUMPTION
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of per-capita calorie consumption in the country during each of last three years;

(b) whether the per-capita calorie consumption has been on the decline;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(d) the measures taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to improve the situation?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a),(b),(c) & (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO. 494 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 28.04.2008 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(a), (b), (c) & (d): Details on per-capita calorie consumption in the country are not available on annual basis.The National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) conducts survey on nutritional intake at an interval of five years. The latest details available are those based on NSS 61st round, published by NSSO in May, 2007. This survey has found decrease in daily intake of calories in rural and urban areas between 1993-94 and 2004-05 as given below:

Year	Per-capita daily intake of calories (Kilo Calories)	
	Rural areas	Urban areas
1993-94	2153	2071
2004-05	2047	2020

In take of calories of a person depends on consumption of different food items.To educate the public in general to increase nutritional awareness, the Food and Nutrition Board under the Ministry of Women and Child Development carries out work through its field units.To ensure availability of foodgrains, particularly to weaker sections of the society, the Government implements the Targeted Public Distribution System and a number of welfare schemes.All these programmes are aimed at ensuring availability of food items to the weaker sections at affordable prices.